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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52 of the First Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Harvel C. Edwards for his meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our country was conceived by individuals willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's freedom and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean could be more deserving of this Body's special recognition than former PFC Harvel C. Edwards, who was presented with the Legion of Honor Medal, more than eighty (80) years after serving his country in the Great War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was presented this medal by M. Jean-Paul Monchau, Consul General de la Republique Francaise at the Scott Healthcare Center in Lawrenceburg; and

WHEREAS, the Legion of Honor Medal is a solemn tribute given by France to express their eternal gratefulness to America and its Allied veterans who fought on French soil during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Edwards was a valiant member of the Company H, 56<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment, 7<sup>th</sup> Division and Company D, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, he also served with great bravery and ability as a Corporal, Sergeant and 2nd Lieutenant in the Tennessee National Guard from 1928-30; and

WHEREAS, for the next two years, Mr. Harvel Edwards continued his military career by serving in the U.S. Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, born in Perry County, Tennessee, on July 1, 1897, he was the son of the late Isaac Calvin Edwards and Ona Lova Meredith Edwards; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 1922, Mr. Harvel C. Edwards married Roxy Rasbury and had 3 children together, Harvel C. Edwards, Jr., Colleen Jane Edwards and Landon L. Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Harvel C. Edwards served with courage and gallantry and thus deserves proper recognition for his heroism during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Harvel C. Edwards performed his duties with the utmost skill, dedication and professionalism; his service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Harvel C. Edwards upon his receipt of the Legion of Honor Medal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.